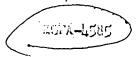
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Information from "SPIEGEL"

1. From time to time FOB has been requested to obtain background information on articles published in "Der Spissel." The last instance was in connection with an item concerning the Faldhein trials.

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- 2. On 1 December, we wrote you that we would attempt to obtain the information either through Camise, or directly from Augstein, should I meet him in Bonn.
- 3. Camise has now told me that the cannot obtain the information. Her usual source on Spiegel activities, i.e. Augstein's mistress, has no access to source and background material.
- 4. In view of the line taken by <u>Spiegel</u> recently, and especially because of the disgusting show put on by <u>Augstein</u> in connection with the so-called bribery investigation in Bonn, I do not feel it worth while to approach Augstein directly on any subject, in fact, I will make it a point to avoid him.
- 5. There the matter rests. I am sorry we could not help you with this, but I am sure you understand the reasons which make me avoid Augstein.

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